Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—If they make any such request, it will be considered.

Bridge over the Thunga River near Tirthahalli.

Q.—33. Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk):—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the estimate for the construction of a bridge across the Thunga River near Tirthahalli was first prepared and in what year;

(*b*) the amount of the estimate so prepared;

(*c*) whether any fresh estimate has been prepared in view of the existing conditions;

(*d*) the amount of the fresh estimate;

(*e*) whether the work is included in the programme of bridges;

(*f*) after the completion of how many bridges is this work proposed to be taken up;

(*g*) in how many years will this work be commenced;

(*h*) whether they have any idea of taking it up during the current year?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) In the year 1920.

(*b*) Rs. 1,71,120.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 2,75,000.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) There is no such proposal. Works are taken up as and when funds are available.

(*g*) This cannot be gauged.

(*h*) No; but the work can be taken up early if the Shimoga District Board and the Tirthahalli Municipal Council come forward to bear a portion of the cost.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—With reference to (*d*) what is the reason for the extra provision of nearly one lakh of rupees according to the fresh estimate?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—In the 1924 floods, the water level was very high and it was thought that the bridge to be constructed should be such as would safely withstand such floods.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Will the construction be taken up soon?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If the Shimoga District Board and the Tirthahalli Municipal Council are prepared to contribute their share, the work will be taken up soon.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Are not the Government aware that the Tirthahalli Municipal Council has been superseded and cannot therefore pay its quota?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Are not the Government aware that the financial position of the Shimoga District Board does not permit of any quota being paid by the Board?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That is why there has been delay in starting this work.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Shall we take it, then, that the scheme is altogether dropped?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I cannot say that.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—In view of the fact that for many years we have been praying for the bridge, will the Government be pleased somehow to expedite the work?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Government have been considering the ways and means of doing so.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Is it not necessary to provide facilities for the people on the other side of the river to come to Tirthahalli?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—There is no difference of opinion about the desirability of providing the bridge.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Is it not possible to get a contribution for this work from outside?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—We tried, but did not succeed.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Will any grant be provided for this

work in the next year's budget so that a beginning may be made?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—In that case the local bodies have also to provide their share of the cost.

Mr. SHER KHAN.—As the bridge will be of use to the Kadur District also, why not the District Board of Kadur be requested to bear a share of the cost?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The Kadur District Board has already pleaded inability to do so.

Mr. MAYI GOWDA.—Why not call for debentures and take up the work with the help thereof?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That is a new suggestion and we will have to consider it.

Mr. MAYI GOWDA.—For the construction of other urgent bridges also, would it not be desirable to float debentures and take up construction?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The suggestion will be considered.

Mr. MAYI GOWDA.—Will the question of constructing a bridge over the Cauvery at Bannur be also considered in that connection?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is not so very necessary as there is already a bridge nearby. Besides, all bridge works cannot be taken up at once. One after another, all important bridges will be constructed.

Selection of Candidates for Appointments under the Central Recruitment Board Rules.

Q.—34. Mr. S. SUBBA RAO (Tirthahalli Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the acceptance and selection of applications for appointments in the Central Recruitment Board are made at the discretion of the Secretary, Central Recruitment Board, or is the selection made according to any rule;

(*b*) whether they are aware that in most cases, it is not even possible to know the result as to the disposal of applications from the candidates?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

(*a*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. Lists for the different units are prepared in the office and scrutinised by the Secretary, Chairman and the Central Recruitment Board. As regards appointments advertised, the selection is made by the officer competent to appoint to whom the applications received are sent. Selection is made in both cases on the grounds of merit, communal rotation, etc.

(*b*) The reply is in the negative. Approved lists are published for information in the *Mysore Gazette*.

Power Generating Station at Jog.

Q.—35. Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA (Shimoga Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what works have been started for generating electricity at Jog;

(*b*) how many people are working in the higher grades of appointments and how many on wage-basis;

(*c*) how many are Mysoreans (gradewar) and how many non-Mysoreans;

(*d*) whether the policy of selecting only Mysoreans for all grades of appointments has been followed;

(*e*) whether orders have been placed for the purchase of the machinery required for generating electricity;

(*f*) the value of the machinery for which orders have been placed;

(*g*) the companies and countries with which these orders have been placed and whether arrangements have been made for the sale of Mysore goods equivalent to the value of machinery for which orders have been placed, in foreign countries?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Sir Harold N. Colam).—

(*a*) Detailed surveys, formation of roads, construction of temporary buildings, improvements to the inspection